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1. REFTEL WAS SENT WITHOUT STATE CLEARANCE OWING DOD MISUNDERSTANDING OF GROUND RULES. DOD TOOK COLOMBO'S 1560 AS STATE CLEARANCE. WE HAVE NOW CORRECTED MIS-CONCEPTION AND HAVE NOTED STATE SHOULD CONCUR ON CABLES TRANSMITTING FINAL DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUESTS.

2. IN FACT ONLY HESITATION WE NOW HAVE ON DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE REQUEST IS TO ASSURE NO CONFLICT IN EARLY JULY SHIP VISIT SCHEDULING FOR MALE AND COLOMBO. DOD IS NOW CHECKING WHETHER LASALLE CAN BE RESCHEDULED AS YOU SUGGEST IN COLOMBO 1561 (WHICH CROSSED STATE 124003). LASALLE MISSION IS LOWER PRIORITY OF TWO AND PRESUMABLY ALSO EASIER ONE TO RESCHEDULE. WE ASSUME YOU MIGHT WISH TO HOLD OFF ON REFTEL UNTIL YOU HEAR ABOUT LASALLE SCHEDULE.

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3. WE HAVE INFORMED DOD SUBSTANCE THIS MESSAGE AND
THEY ARE AWARE THERE MAY BE SOME DELAY IN DIPLOMATIC
CLEARANCE REQUEST PENDING CLARIFICATION LASALLE
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